

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to more clearly define the controller/controlling step/controlling module. No new matter has been introduced.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Nagata (USPGP 2002/0082027). Applicant traverses this rejection because Nagata would not have taught the searching feature with the corrected information when the search does not find the original information, as set forth in independent claims 1, 7, and 13.

Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 each call for, *inter alia*: 1) displaying the read additional information, such as watermark (claim 5), barcode (claim 6), etc., 2) prompting a user to correct the displayed additional information, and c) carrying out the search for the original file using the corrected additional information when the initial search does not find the original file based on the read additional information.

Nagata discloses a system for obtaining a wine label information. Nagata's system includes a service receiver 3 that includes a user terminal 10 and an output section (image forming section) 15 for outputting an image based on a label information 7a received from a service provider 4 that stores the label information in electronic form in its terminal 20. See paragraphs 90-91. The output section 15 can be a printer or display. The service provider 4 stores information on the winegrower 1 and/or wine 5 to enable the consumer 3 to carry out a focused search using keywords relating to the label information 7a. See paragraph 122. Specifically, the consumer 3 inputs the keyword(s) using the user terminal 10 to search the label information 7a stored in the storage section 24 of the service provider 4. See paragraphs 152-153.

If there is no mistake in the information input to the terminal 10, the terminal 10 can receive and display search results. See column 154. If the label information 7a in the storage section 24 is found as a result of the searching, the output section 15 can printer the label information 7a. If there is any mistake in the input or the keyword is not found in the storage section 24 of the service provider, an error message, such as "the inputted information does not

exist in this database" or the like, which message is a prompt to demand another input as well as a warning, is displayed. The reason why the above error message is shown is that the inputting information does not exist in the storage section 24 so that the label information 7a cannot be searched as input, as is apparent from the description in paragraph 153.

Nagata also discloses that a label 7 (7d, 7e) that includes access destination information 7b as barcode information 7f can be affixed to a bottle 6. In this case, it is possible to access a desirable URL not only automatically but also easily by using other service that captures the bar-code information 7f through its own reading device and thereby decode the bar-code information 7f. See paragraph 136. Nagata, however, has the ability to neither display the decoded barcode information 7f on the user terminal 10, nor prompt the user to correct the displayed decoded barcode information 7f, nor access the desirable URL using the corrected decoded barcode information 7f, when the original image cannot be found, such as when the image quality of the label 7 is heavily degraded such that the decoded barcode information 7f cannot be read or is not correctly recognizable. In other words, Nagata would not have disclosed or taught searching for degraded image using the corrected additional information, namely the decoded barcode information 7f, since the additional information cannot be corrected or edited for additional searching.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-13 patentably distinguish over Nagata and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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